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MUNICIPAL PIPE LINE

Ardmore people are thinking these days of the Fox gas field and of what it would mean to have a gas pipe line built into this city. One man in speaking of the situation, said he favored municipal ownership, re believed the city could well afford to vote bonds and to build a gas pipe line to the field and that it could well afford to purchase the plant of the Ardmore Electric company and light its homes, its streets and to pump its own water. The gentleman who was discussing the matter said the charter of the city could be easily changed so that a permanent board could have the management of municipally owned properties, that the old argument that politics ruins business could be eliminated by such an arrangement, that the city could get a board of its very best business men to manage its fuel line, its light plant and its water-works.

The question comes up so frequent-ly now when town boosters get together that it is probable that such a proposition will be put before the voters before many months. It would be well for every taxpayer in the city to gather such information along this line as is available so that he may cast an intelligent vote. These are big questions, such a move might be the making of the city and it might result in a burden of taxation that would injure the city. Every man should inform himself, he should not be led by the influence of another.

At this distance it does not seem that a revolution on the island of Crete would be much of a menace to King Constantine, but maybe it's just because we don't know "the Cretan-ians."

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CONGRESSMAN FERRIS' OKLAHOMA CITY SPEECH

The speech of the Honorable Scott Ferris at Oklahoma City Saturday was a splendid democratic argument. Oratorically it was a notable speech, but its oratory was excelled by its logical argument and the irresistible force of the facts presented. It was a speech that will long be remembered by its hearers.

Below we give a synopsis of its main points:
 "In days like these every man owes it to himself and his country to give thought to national affairs and vote on November 7th. All good citizens should exercise this duty and right.

"The democrats assert that the Wilson administration has enacted more good laws in the interest of the people in four years than the republicans enacted in fifty. It has fulfilled its promises. To repeal any one of these laws, to turn their administration over to a hostile party would be folly. The country is more prosperous today than ever before, and every class of citizens shares in the prosperity. President Wilson by good judgment, statesmanship and common honesty and unfettered steadfastness has kept our country at peace with the world.

"Wilson has been true every day of his administration to the six and one-half million farmers of the country. Think of the wise legislation, the Rural Credits Law, the Good Roads Law, the Agricultural Extension Law. He has been true to the twenty million workmen of the country, who for sixteen long years, under Republican rule, pleaded in vain for needed legislation. President Wilson has been true every day to honest and legitimate business, displacing our barbarous banking system by a wise federal reserve act, approving the federal trade commission and other measures. He has been true to the Civil War Veterans and every other interest of American citizens—true to the women and children of this land.

"The republican candidate has time and again shifted his base. At first his issue was preparedness. But this he was forced to abandon when the facts were known of what the Wilson administration had done. The second issue he stressed was Mexico, but his position was purely critical with nothing affirmative, and his plea was rejected by the common sense of the people. His third base was the tariff but all his arguments were refuted by the condition of the nation in every branch of industry. His fourth effort was a puerile one and not supported by the facts at that. It was that the president had turned out a patriot to put a horse doctor in the government service. As soon as the facts of the case were known he abandoned this and with it his charge against the president for interference with the civil service.

"The Chicago Tribune, one of the very strongest supporters of Hughes, reports his Milwaukee speech as follows:

"The first burst of applause came when he said in the principal city of the state of La Follette that the La Follette Shipping bill must be repealed; the next when he said that the Underwood Tariff must be replaced by a protective tariff; the third when he declared that the whole democratic legislative achievement must be wiped off the books for the good of the country."

"You who do not wish for the repeal of the income tax which yields the government \$4,000,000 a month; the repeal of the Rural Credits Law; the repeal of the Federal Reserve Act; the repeal of the Agricultural Extension Act; the repeal of the Child Labor Law; the repeal of the Good Roads Law; the Workmen's Compensation Law and the other sound and progressive legislation of the democratic administration, must see to it that our bright new state of Oklahoma shall not contribute its ten electoral votes to elect a man who proposes to visit upon them such havoc.

"Roosevelt in his 'Skin 'em alive' speech at Battle Creek, said that at the instant the Lusitania was torpedoed he would have seized on every German ship in turn in American ports. That would have meant war to any self respecting nation, and no one who knows the Germans can believe that it would not have meant war with Germany. Mr. Hughes has not gone so far; in fact, he has never said what he was going to do or what he would have done in any case; but after a singular speech by Roosevelt in Maine, Mr. Hughes telegraphed his congratulations and endorsement.

"I pause to ask the citizens of Oklahoma if they are to sit calmly by, or remain in their offices, or in their fields, and see the wise laws of the Wilson administration in their interest and in the interests of the welfare of the nation traduced and maligned in this campaign and their permanence threatened by a republican victory. The republican press asserts that the negro vote in Oklahoma, 10,000 of them, would make Oklahoma a republican state. Is democratic apathy and carelessness to make their braggart assertions true? Is the democratic faith of Oklahoma thus to be questioned, speculated on and gossiped about?"

"It would be pathetic to believe that the 6,500,000 farmers of the country would turn their back on their best friend and embrace an enemy. For America's business men to turn from Wilson to Hughes would be to turn from safety to dangerous uncertainty; from certain prosperity to doubt. To defeat Wilson is to encourage the war spirit, to approve the braggart bullyism of Roosevelt, and would be an assault on the doctrine of peace on earth and good will to men.

"In times past it has happened that in great presidential elections like this, the duty of individual citizens has often been obscure. How changed conditions are now. President Wilson in his four years of faithful service, has at every turn of the road shown his true worth, has proven true and faithful to every trust, true to the toiler, true to the farmer, true to the soldier, true to business, true to peace, true to the American republic, and true to humanity."

INDIAN FARM-ER SCORES HIGH AT BOTH FAIRS

CARTER AND LOVE COUNTY
 FULL BLOODS WIN FIRST HON-
 ORS AT OKLAHOMA CITY AND
 MUSKOGEE FAIRS.

The Carter and Love county re-stricted Indians won first prizes at the state fair at Oklahoma City and also at the Muskogee Free Fair. The Carter County Indians won two-thirds of the cash prizes on products entered in the individual classes at Oklahoma City and the same percentage of cash prizes were won at Muskogee.

The entries at both fairs were in contest with exhibits from Indians from every county in the eastern portion of the state.

Chas. M. Neal, the Indian farmer, has stated this information in a letter to Colonel Mills of the department here, and he has a right to feel very proud of the triumph he has made. Farmer Neal made something like the same record with the products of this county last year at the two state fairs. Congressman Chas. D. Carter has taken an active interest in the In-

dians who are devoting their time to raising crops and he has made special efforts to furnish these people with fine seeds that are supplied by the government. Many of the cash prizes were won with products grown from the seeds sent from Washington by Mr.

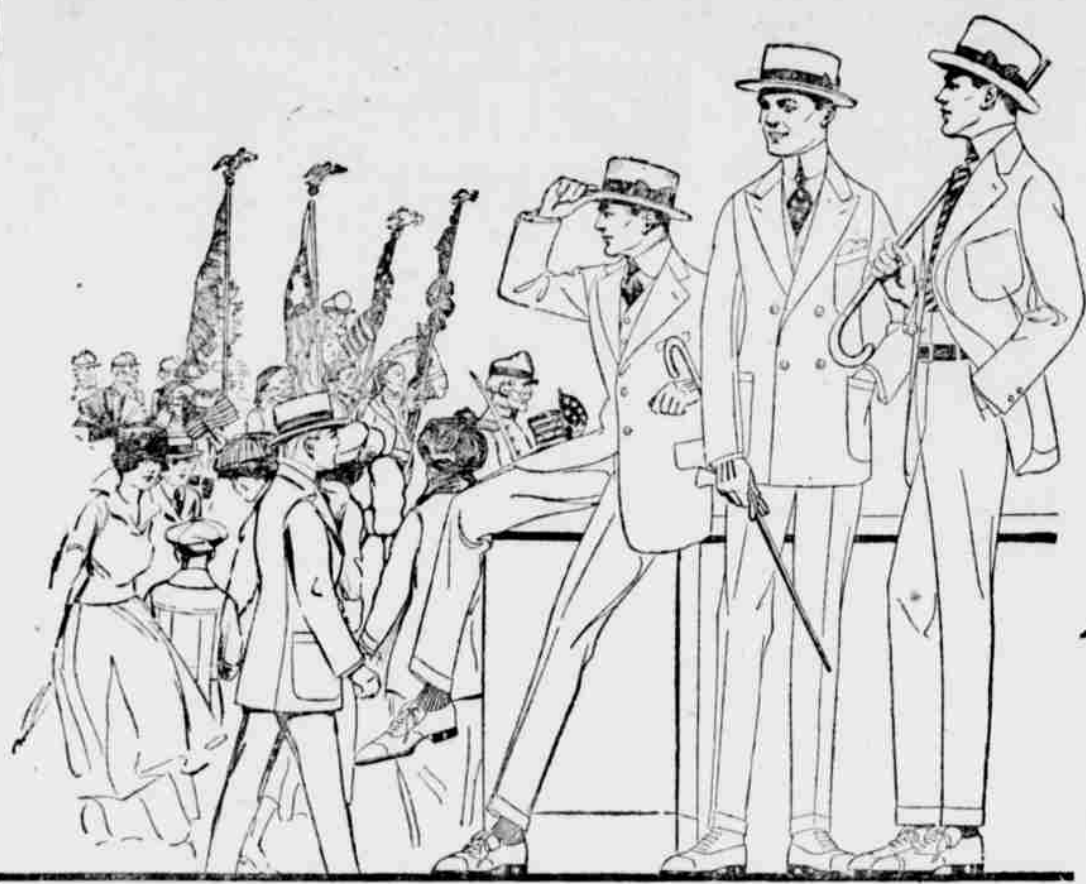
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Col. Mills and Farmer Neal are to be congratulated upon the manner in which they have dealt with the Indians of this country. The Indian realizes that these men are working for his advantage, the Indian is co-operating in a very admirable manner as is evidenced by the prizes that have been won upon the actual merit of the products from the farm and garden. Mr. Neal organizes clubs among the Indian boys and no other county in the state has these farm clubs. As a result of club work some Indian boys only ten years of age have raised some prize products and a lasting good is being done the Indian by the training of the smaller boys to do practical and useful work.

Turks Going to Learn German.

Constantinople, Oct. 5.—Some two hundred Turkish children have left for Germany to secure a German education in the higher institutions of that country. The majority of the male pupils have expressed a desire to specialize in engineering, medicine, chemistry, journalism, and diplomacy. A number of prospective merchants are included in the list.

To Separate Postage Stamps.

In damp weather, or by careless placing, postage stamps sometimes stick together. When this happens, place them on a newspaper in a hot oven for a few moments. As soon as the stamps get hot the glue dries and by pressing between the fingers it is readily broken, and the stamps may be easily separated without the least damage.

Read the want ads.

BUILDING IS VERY ACTIVE IN ARDMORE

HOUSES ARE IN DEMAND.—BIG REALTY DEAL CLOSED, AND THERE WILL BE GREATER ACTIVITY IN BUILDING.

Building receipts for the month of September, according to the report of the city building inspector, Sid Underwood, exceeds \$100,000. This represents mostly small contracts for residences, none of which reached ten thousand dollars.

This runs the total building permits since the office opened in June to nearly three quarters of a million dollars.

J. H. Poulter and Sons have just completed a deal for the Bob Lick property on West Main Street, and the entire block will be covered with modern bungalows. It is reported that the city is making preparations to pave Broadway and West Main streets on both sides of this property and Mr. Poulter states he will have some of the finest rental property in Ardmore when all his plans are completed.

The Pioneer Telephone Company has awarded the contract for the new

telephone building to an Oklahoma City contracting firm, and it is expected that work on the building will begin at once. All lines on Main Street and Broadway will be placed in conduits.

Building was never more active in the city than at the present time, and yet there are not enough houses to supply the demands. With the extension of the water mains and sewers this fall more additions will be made to the city, and contractors are expecting building to continue to boom even greater than it has in the past year.

Fruit Not Injured by Bees.

An agricultural society of Florence, Italy, carried out a thorough investigation of the alleged injury of fruit by bees, and has completely exonerated the latter. Bees are unable to perforate the skin of fruit, and it is only incidentally that they suck the juices of fruits injured by other natural causes. The damage sometimes attributed to these insects is due to poultry, wild birds, wind and hail, and even more frequently to hornets, wasps, vine moths and other insects. Instead of being harmful to orchards and vineyards, bees perform the useful service of effecting the cross-pollination of flowers and hence the setting of fruit, as well as the destruction of damaged fruits (especially grapes) by sucking the juice and pulp and thus preventing fermentation and rot extending to sound individuals. The orchards and vineyards frequented by bees give the most constant crops.—Scientific American.

The progressives never knew before how much both the old parties loved them.—Kansas City Star.